Statement

Sl. No.	Name of the Project	Objectives	Sanctioned cost (Rs. in lakhs)	Date of Inception	Ready for Commercial Field Trail	Present Status
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	Network Management System for SDH Networks	To design and develop Network Management Systems for SDH	1400.00	Oct., 93	By 1997	Design of some interface and protocols.
2.	TDMA PMP Radio	Development of TDMA point to multipoint Rural radio systems.	810.00	Nov., 89	By June, 1996	Equipment ready for evaluation
3.	DACCA	To design and develop Synchronous Digital Access cross Connect System.	715.00	Jan., 92	By Sept., 1996.	Under lab. realisation
4.	VSAT 64	To develop 64 kbps VSAT	403.00	July, 1991	Validation commences in Feb., 96	Pilot production and documentation in progress.
5.	KU Band VSAT Network	To develop base band IF and RF sub-system for VSAT and HUB.	350.00	April, 1992	Validation by Oct., 96	Lab. Model designed. Protb testing initiated.

Investments by Pepsico Inc. in Beverage business

2368. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pepsico Inc. had sought approval from Government for making investments through a holding company in India in the beverage business;

(b) if so, the details provided by Pepsico Inc. for investments to be made by it or the holding company in each project in the beverage business;

(c) the foreign exchange alongwith amount remitted to India by Pepsico or its subsidiaries towards investments in the business, excluding investment in Pepsi Foods Limited; and

(d) the details of each existing or new Project/Venture in the beverage business with amount funded and invested in each?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI K.P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) M/s Pepsico Inc. had requested for permission to invest upto 95 million through a 100% holding company in India, which would primarily engage in the following activities:-

— Promotion of new export projects. -Promotion of new Joint Ventures in export activities.

— Investments in Food Processing Industries.

— Investments in backward linkages with farmers by any of the companies of Pepsico Inc. in India.

— Investments in Beverage business-manufacturing, marketting and distribution.

— Investment in information technology and financil services.

— Investment in technology upgradation.

(c) and (d) As per the information provided by M/s Pepsico India Holdings, it has brough in $ 95 million and has spent it on the following activities:-

		Rs. / crore
(i)	Technology upgradation / modernisation.	12.00
(ii)	Acquiring sick / unviable units, facing closure.	105.00
(iii)	Investment on the beverage business.	75.00
(iv)	Investments in agro-based products / fruit juice.	3.00
(v)	Bottler support programme.	54.00
(vi)	Distribution system.	58.00

Indo-Iran Gas Pipeline

2369. SHRI PASUMPON THA: KIRUTTINAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the construction of an onshore Indo-Iran gas pipeline is to cost less with the local investment;

(b) if so, the comparative assessment made thereon; and

(c) Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) The comparative costs of onshore and offshore gas pipelines from Iran will be known only after the feasibility study of the Iran-India gas pipeline projects is completed.

Vacating PLI Office at Calcutta

2370. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Department of Posts had decided in 1991 to vacate No. 2 Ganesh Chandra Avenue, Calcutta housing the PLI office;

(b) whether the said decision has been implemented and the premises have been handed over to its owner;

(c) if not, the reasons therefore; and

(d) the period by which the building is expected to be vacated and handed over to its owner?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The decision is being implemented, by shifting the office from the said building. This is in progress in phases.

(d) As soon as the shifting is completed, which depends on the completion of repairs at the new location, the building is to be handed over to its owner.

Lowering Price of LPG in Gujarat

2371. SHRIMATI ANANDIBEN JETHABHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have studied the price control of LPG supplies to consumers in all the States;

(b) whehter it is a fact that the price of this ocmmodity varies from State to State;

(c) whether it is a fact that the price of LPG in Gujarat is more than the other States especially when the LPG is a product of Gujarat but still the price is on the higher side instead of being lower than other States; and

(d) if so, the reasons therefor and the action to be taken by Government to